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their given areas. So again, Senator Carpenter, I don't want to see the LB 339 killed and I am afraid it would be if we try to make it mandatory, because I would have to oppose it if it is mandatory. If we leave it permissive, I'll give it my wholehearted support. Thank you.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I want to concur in what Senator Snyder has just said, I guess, basically. We hear every day here something about local control and we who sit on Education Committee hear about local control of education and particularly having faith in our local elected people. In having dinner last evening with some of these school board members across the state, this concerns them that they are mandated certain things that they then must pay for, and certainly we should not insert "shall", in my opinion, in this bill. If it goes in there, I feel it will kill the bill. Senator Carpenter really wants to see it passed, it should be left as "may". There is another bill that is pending, Senator Snyder, that will take care of school boards, in case this one doesn't work out, so we still have something to work on that still should give school boards and other boards this protection, but not to make it mandatory. Thank you.

SPEAKER: Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, I think this bill with "may" is very good, but we must not put "shall". For instance, some of our smaller places, we have Park Boards, we have Library Board, we have Boards, Boards, Boards, and many of them never meet. I have been on some that never, never meet, but, probably, meet at, maybe, coffee or something. That is by accident and that's all. We will get a nice fat liability policy along with it and never have a meeting. This is entirely...would be entirely incompetent on our part to put "shall" in this bill.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Richendifer.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Mr. Speaker, members, I supported the "shall" amendment last Friday. However, over the weekend, I started asking questions and many of the school boards and some of the ones that have responsibilities that they could be personal liable, they have already purchased this type of insurance, so I would do a complete turnaround and say put in "may" because they can assess and evaluate what their responsibilities are and protect themselves if they wish. As I say, many of the school boards already have the personal liability insurance. Thank you.

SPEAKER: Senator Fred Carstens.

SENATOR FRED CARSTENS: Mr. President, members, this is one of the most interesting discussions I've heard and there is nothing like being inconsistent when it is convenient. A week or so ago, we had a similar bill in which we thoughtfully raised the life insurance coverage on volunteer firemen from \$2000 to \$5000, not at our expense but at the Rural Fire District expense. Now, that bill happily flushed right through the Legislature but now, we have the same thing here in which we are doing exactly the same thing, mandating the local school districts to...well, even insurance and I'm sure the insurance...those that sell insurance are happy from all standpoints. But I don't understand why, if we are going to examine ourselves now on this problem right here and I think it is probably correct, why it was so good to do what we did a few days ago in connection with the fire here when I brought up exactly the same point. How can we always and forever go about requiring political subdivisions to take on